

Activity 3: Career Clusters, Pathways and Plans of Study



Supplies Needed:

- Envelopes.
- Names of Career Clusters written on pieces of paper (one Cluster per piece of paper).
- Folder for each Career Cluster with the following information included: Cluster Brochure, Cluster Pathway Model, Sample Plan of Study, and a blank Plan of Study form. (These items can all be printed from the accompanying CD.)
- Copies of questions from the next page.
- Other materials may be included to enhance the group's understanding of Career Clusters.

Directions to Facilitator:

- After they have heard the overview presentation on Career Clusters, give all participants an envelope containing the name of one of the 16 Career Clusters. The envelopes are given out randomly.
- Participants open envelopes. Those having the same Career Cluster form a group. A folder of information for that Career Cluster is provided to the group. This folder can be used to complete the questions on the following page.
- Group members may also go to other participants in the room to obtain information as needed.
- Activity will take approximately 45 minutes to one hour or more if a four-year Plan of Study is completed.

Your Career Cluster is ...



How many pathways are in your Career Cluster, and what are they?

Give an example of a career ladder, lattice and/or web within your Career Cluster.

What are the most unusual career specialties found in this Cluster?

What high school academic courses would best prepare a learner who wants to pursue postsecondary education and a career in this Career Cluster?

What secondary technical courses would prepare learners to be successful in postsecondary education and a career in this Career Cluster?

What postsecondary academic and technical courses would best prepare a learner for a successful career in this Cluster?

What additional electives would give learners an edge in preparing for a future career in this Cluster?

What college degree plans or other postsecondary preparation would be appropriate for learners interested in pursuing a career in this Career Cluster?

What short-term courses, seminars, and/or certifications could a learner participate in to best prepare for postsecondary education and a career in this Cluster?

Identify an extensive learning experience or internship that would benefit learners interested in preparing for a career in this Career Cluster.

Prepare a four-year Plan of Study for learners in this Career Cluster.